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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Maury

SUBJECT : Some Suggested Comments for  
Senator Stennis

1. In response to your request, we have come up with some examples for the Senator to use in defending the Agency. I would offer the following for your consideration.

2. Some instances where we are on the side of the angels include the Cuban missile crisis, our support of BNDD in its efforts to destroy drug traffic, our contributions to the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, the favorable commentary we have received in the press -- the most positive expression being the Christian Science Monitor editorial, in connection with the Pentagon Papers, and our leading role in an impartial verification of any strategic arms limitation treaty.

3. To elaborate a bit, the Director made some very good and telling points on the contribution of this Agency during the Cuban missile crisis in his speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. You, of course, will

analysis that is most valuable to the President, to the Congress, and to the American people.

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5. A considerable amount of economic intelligence is made available to Congress through our efforts in support of the Joint Economic Committee. For example, about every three years we prepare for the Committee, a compilation of articles on the economies of the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Communist China. Our latest contribution to the Congress was a study on the Soviet economy to which we made extensive contributions. This study was entitled, "Economic Performance and Military Burden in the Soviet Union." I am attaching a note from the Acting Director, OER, on both the support to BNDD and the Joint Economic Committee.

6. Turning to the kudos from the press, a quote from the Christian Science Monitor of 29 June in reference to the Pentagon Papers:

"The Monitor's papers and other segments from the same basic document, all seem to indicate there are remarkably accurate sources of intelligence information and appreciation in Washington. One is the Central Intelligence Agency . . . . ."

As you know, the Agency by and large emerged very well from the whole Pentagon Papers debacle.

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